

City Council

Study Session Summary

July 12, 2016
Library Meeting Room, 951 Spruce Street
7:00 PM

The City Council met in a study session at 7:00 p.m. in the 1st Floor Meeting Room at the Louisville Public Library at 951 Spruce Street, Louisville, Colorado. The following persons were present:

City Council Present: Mayor Bob Muckle (joined the meeting at 7:25 pm)
Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Lipton
Council member Jay Keany
Council member Chris Leh
Council member Susan Loo
Council member Dennis Maloney
Council member Ashley Stolzmann

Staff Present: Malcolm Fleming, City Manager (joined the meeting at 7:25 pm)
Heather Balser, Deputy City Manager
Beth Barrett, Library Director
Robin Brookhart, Co-Acting Director Human Resources
Aaron DeJong, Economic Development Director
Dave Hayes, Chief of Police
Paula Knapek, Co-Acting Director Human Resources
Meredyth Muth, City Clerk
Chris Neves, Information Technology Director
Joe Stevens, Parks and recreation Director
Kevin Watson, Finance Director
Rob Zuccaro, Director of Planning and Building Safety
Dawn Burgess, Executive Assistant to the City Manager

Members of Public
Morgan Adams, National Research Center

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Lipton

Discussion – 2016 Citizen Survey Results

Morgan Adams of National Research center reviewed results of the 2016 Citizen Survey. There was a 40% response rate.

Overall image was 90% positive

Council member Maloney asked if we had comparisons from previous years of who responded age-wise. Ms. Adams did not have that information available at the meeting.

Residents feel good overall about their community. Residents feel safe.

All responses were higher or much higher than national benchmarks and other Front Range jurisdictions' average.

Council member Lipton asked fellow Council members to flag snow removal results to discuss during the budget process.

There was discussion of the high priority placed on maintaining the City's appearance/attractiveness.

Maintaining and repairing streets and paving streets is viewed as essential which Council member Lipton views as validation of what Council has been focusing on.

Sustainability results were discussed. Several Council members believe it should be part of the Council goals.

Mayor Pro Tem thanked Ms. Adams for the presentation and feels it will help define Council priorities moving forward.

Council member Leh said there are a lot of things to be thankful for in Louisville. He said the positive comments about staff, while there are a couple areas to work on, show how well everything is going. He said it is fair to say that there is not 100% opposition to building new residential in town, particularly on the west side of town.

Council member Keany said the results show we do not need a social media coordinator.

Council member Stolzmann gave kudos to department heads but asked Directors to look at results for areas to focus on for improvement. Snow removal should be a discussion for Council. She said the Code Enforcement question is

an area we may want to consider to improve our score but was not sure how the question was interpreted.

Michael Menaker said we should consider a transportation policy discussion. He said that typically, happy people don't come to Council so these are not the people the City generally hears from. These results show most of the people we don't generally hear from are satisfied with the City

City Manager Fleming noted the survey rated Louisville poorly in affordable housing and noted it also said affordable housing is a priority. Housing was discussed further.

City Manager's Report

City Manager Fleming reviewed the Advanced Agenda.

Adjourn 8:20 pm

*Submitted by – Dawn Burgess
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